

Exhibit 97

AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!!

A DARINGLY DIFFERENT, DRAMATIC FEATURETTE, IN ANSWER TO VIRTUALLY NO REQUESTS FROM ANYONE AT ALL!

THE TIME IS MIDNIGHT!
THE PLACE... AN ALMOST
IMPASSABLE ROAD ON
LONG ISLAND, DURING
LAST WINTER'S MOST
VIOLENT SNOWSTORM--

AND THE DRIVER--
NONE OTHER THAN
GENIAL GENE COLAN,
ON A MYSTERIOUS
MISSION FOR
MIGHTY MARVEL...

I'VE BEEN IN MY CAR
FOR HOURS... AND I'M
GETTING NOWHERE!

...MAYBE I
SHOULD HAVE
PUT GASOLINE
IN THE TANK!

WAIT! THAT HOUSE--
LOOMING AHEAD LIKE AN
EERIE EDIFICE OF EVIL!!
IT MEANS-- I'VE MADE IT!

HOW HAPPY
HE'LL BE TO
SEE ME!

ONLY A
TRUE
REAL-LIFE
HERO WOULD
DARE VENTURE
OUT ON A
NIGHT LIKE
THIS!

HOW HIS LITTLE
BEADY EYES WILL
LIGHT UP WHEN
HE SEES I'VE
ARRIVED! WHAT A
HERO'S WELCOME
I'M SURE TO
RECEIVE!

I MAY EVEN
GET--A NO-
PRIZE!!

AHH--THE DOOR IS
OPENING NOW! I HOPE
HE DOESN'T EMBARRASS
ME WITH TOO-LAVISH
PRAISE!

COLAN!
YOU NUTTY,
NEOLITHIC-
BRAINED
NINCOMPPOOP!

OF ALL THE
TIMES TO
COME
VISITING A
GUY--!!!

VISITING?? WHO'D WANNA
VISIT A SOREHEAD LIKE
YOU??!

I BROUGHT THE
LAST TEN PAGES
OF DAREDEVIL
FOR YOU TO
WRITE!

WHY
DIDN'T YOU
JUST MAIL
'EM TO
ME??

WHAT??!! TRUST
MY PRECIOUS,
PANORAMIC,
PRACTICALLY
PRICELESS WORKS
OF ART TO THE
MAIL!---NEVER!

BESIDES--
I DIDN'T
HAVE A
STAMP!

WELL, BIG-
HEARTED--
HOW'S ABOUT
ASKING ME IN?

HOPE YOU'RE
ENJOYING THAT
JAVA--

IT'LL COST
YOU A
DIME!

WHY DO ALL THE ARTISTS WHO
WORK FOR MARVEL HAVE TO
BE CHARACTERS?

DON'T ASK ME--YOU
DO THE HIRING!

AND IF YOU WAVE
THAT **STOGIE** IN
MY FACE ONCE
MORE--I'LL GO
BACK TO
BRAND ECHH!

AT LEAST
THEY
DIDN'T
PAY ME
IN **MAMMS**
BUTTONS!

AND NOW THAT
YOU'VE MET THE
TWO CHEERFUL
CHERUBS WHO
BRING YOU **DARE-**
DEVIL EACH MONTH,
WE HAVE ANOTHER
TREAT FOR YOU--

(--JUST SO LONG
AS NO WISE-
GUY ASKS US
WHERE THE
FIRST
TREAT IS!)

PREEEEESENTING: AN ACTUAL, UNREHEARSED

STORY CONFERENCE

WITH
STAN
AND
GENE!

THE NEXT DAY, RESTED AND REFRESHED
AFTER HIS 10¢ CUP OF JAVA, AN ENTHU-
SIASTIC **GENE COLAN** EAGERLY ARRIVES
AT THE CULTURAL CAPITOL OF THE WORLD...

MAYBE I'LL BE **LUCKY**
TODAY--MAYBE **STAN**
DIDN'T COME TO WORK!

SUPPORT
PEACE!
OR WE'LL
CLOBBER
YA!

NAHH--THAT'S
JUST WISHFUL
THINKING!

HE **MUST** BE IN
HIS OFFICE--I
CAN HEAR
SNORING ALL THE
WAY OUT HERE!

HEY! HOW'DJA GET BACK BEHIND YOUR **DESK**
SO FAST?

I'VE HAD LOTS OF
PRACTICE! I NEVER
KNOW WHEN **MARTY**
GOODMAN WILL
POP IN!

MAYBE IF I TALK
A LOT HE'LL
DOZE OFF AGAIN--
AND I CAN GET
OUT OF HERE!

ARE YOU
READY TO
DISCUSS THE
NEXT **DD** PLOT,
GENE BABY?

WELL, I DIDN'T
COME HERE FOR
YOUR **AUTOGRAPH!**

AND DON'T
CALL ME
"**GENE**
BABY!"

OKAY! THEN LET'S
GET **STARTED,**
GENE SWEETIE!

I'LL SETTLE
FOR "**BABY!**"

LOOK--IF YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
THE WRITER, HOW
ABOUT YOU **DREAMING**
UP THE PLOT JUST
THIS **ONCE??**

YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO
WASTE ALL MY BRAIN-POWER
ON JUST PLAIN, ORDINARY
THINKING?

SURE, WHY NOT
TRY IT? THE CHANGE
MAY DO YOU **GOOD!**

I EVEN BROUGHT A **TAPE**
RECORDER!--IN CASE YOU
GET AN **IDEA**, WE'LL PRESERVE
THAT FAMOUS **FIRST** FOR
POSTERITY!

I THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO
TELL ME SOMETHING!

JUST HOLD ON A
SEC WHILE I
LIGHT UP, PAL!

THE OL' **HAMBONE**
IS **STALLING**--
BUT IT WON'T
HELP 'IM **NOW!**

TAKE YOUR
TIME,
SMILEY!
I'VE GOT
ALL DAY!

I WAS AFRAID
OF THAT!

NEXT
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THE PLOT
SICKENS!

